

REMARKS

Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)

It is hereby requested that the term to respond to the Examiner's final Action of July 27, 2007 be extended one month, from October 27, 2007 to November 27, 2007.

Authorization to charge a Credit Card is given to cover the extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 19-5425.

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 10, 17 and 18 have been amended. Claims 1, 10, 17 and 18 are independent claims.

The 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103 Rejections

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-8 and 10-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,847,604 to Doyle. On page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Doyle.

Telephonic Interview on November 16, 2007

On November 16, 2007, the Examiner allowed the undersigned to discuss this case with her in a telephonic interview. Applicant thanks the Examiner for extending this courtesy and for her cooperation during the interview. In the interview, Applicant, by the undersigned, presented what it considers to be distinct differences between the invention and the cited references, most particularly, the Doyle reference. Applicant explained that the present invention establishes a one-to-one relationship between each control area and a single one of the different colors of a set, so that, for example, a control area controlling an upward

scrolling function might be red, to the exclusion of all other control areas; a control area for controlling downward scrolling could be green, to the exclusion of all other control areas, etc. The Examiner responded by indicating that she understood the difference between the invention and the Doyle references that was being conveyed to her, but that in her view, the claims did not define clearly enough what was meant by the term “single different color” and the one-to-one relationship between a single different color and a particular control area.

By this amendment, Applicant has amended each of the independent claims to positively set forth the one-to-one relationship between each control area and a single one of the different colors. Applicant believes that this amendment clearly points out the distinctions discussed by the Examiner and the undersigned and, for the same reasons set forth in the previous amendment, the claims patentably define over the cited references. Reconsideration of the claims and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully solicited.

Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments, favorable reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of all rejections and objections and that claims 1-18 be allowed at an early date and the patent allowed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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